CEA - Policy Advisory
Meeting Summary
July 22, 2021 10:30 – 12:00pm

If we create a homelessness response system that centers customer voice, then we will be able to focus on responding to needs and eliminating inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome and Land Acknowledgement	**Members in attendance:** Alex Ebrahimi, Noah Fay, Chloe Gale, Bill Hallerman, Christina McHugh, Alyson Moon, Christy Stangland, Jeanice Hardy, Arun Sambataro, Kate Speltz, , Rizwan Rizwi (Co-chair), Shanee Colston, Wayne Wilson **Absent members:** B.B. Jones (Co-Chair), Lauren Nichols, Nawiishtunmi Nightgun, Karen Taylor **Others present:** Anna Strahan, Emily Reimal, Janelle Rothfolk, Olivia Haidos, Raphael Hartman, Skye Haeffele, Victoria Ewing, Peter Lynn, Will Toaspern, Cindy Druschba, Riz Rizwi – A review is underway of how Land Acknowledgement is made. Therefore, it is skipped for now.
Introductions of Committee Members	Riz Rizwi —Welcome; appreciation for guests and support staff.
Guest Introductions and Reason for Attending the PAC	Riz Rizwi —Welcome; appreciation for guests and support staff.
CEA Operations Updates	Olivia Haidos and Alex Ebrahimi reported that they have completed the second round of interviews with all candidates and anticipate updates by next month's meeting. **ACTION:** None
Data Update	Victoria Ewing reported that Demographic trends for COPri remain consistent since its implementation in October 2020. Heads of households prioritized using COVID Prioritization continue to more likely be BIPOC, older, and score lower on the VI-SPDAT than those prioritized using Interim Prioritization. Full report found at https://kcrha.org/research-reports/ Christina McHugh highlighted that the systemwide dashboard showing active households broken down by demographics is available here: https://kcrha.org/households-served/ This report looks at system impacts last year due to COVID. There are drops in enrollments across the board but did not identify any trends demographically. The drops appeared to be fairly even across groups. https://kcrha.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/KC-Homeless-Response-System_Data-Review_Q12021.pdf Day centers open and greatly increased numbers due to COVID restrictions Riz asked PAC members interested in forming a subcommittee to work on integrating racial equity in CEA assessor training to contact him, BB, and Alex. **ACTION:** Alex and Riz will work on a CEA assessor plan for the next meeting.
Public Comment	Cindy Druschba – Elders aren't told that Permanent Supportive Housing is permanent. Not set up for them to age in place with assisted living. State Health Authority offers "foundational support" but seniors aren't getting that support in PSH. They have a right to age in place. Need contracts with assisted living in place instead of being sent to a nursing home. Another

	suggestion: please have them assessed first by an Aging and Adult social worker so that when they are housed they can get their Life Alert and medication dispenser right away. Already approved for COPES and in-home/ care-taker support. Provider can pay for foundational support by billing for it. Property owner can be more aware of who shows up and more staff to observe and be present. She's worried because when these older tenants become aged and need services, they are declared "gravely disabled elderly" by police then are taken into custody by police. There is something called 202 Housing that needs to be reviewed. Case workers don't know to apply for Aging and Adult Services as partner. Elders who went to affordable housing but are rent burdened at 70% yet need shallow 30% rent requirements.
COVID-19 and Its Impacts on Daily Operations	No updates reported.
Closing / Next Steps	**ACTION**: Next meeting: Aug 26, 2021, 10:30 – 12:00 pm

CEA PAC Agendas and Meeting Summaries: [CEA Policy Advisory Committee Meetings – Regional Homelessness Authority (kcrha.org)](#)

Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) is part of the All Home (Continuum of Care) structure, and is responsible for:

- Understanding the daily operations of CEA;
- Working with the Coordinating Entity to identify any policy implications in changes to daily operations;
- Approving policy and procedure recommendations from the Coordinated Entity to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of CEA;
- Conducting racial equity analysis when designing policy or when evaluating performance;
- Holding accountability and providing support to the Coordinating Entity for fulfilling CEA vision;
- Advising the Coordinated Entity based on CEA performance data including the 120 day review and stakeholder input; and
- Providing vision and overarching structure recommendations to the All Home Coordinating Board and supports approved solutions to moving forward.

Decisions and authority held at CEA PAC:

- Make and approve policy decisions that impact daily operations and decision making, but do not change the core vision of CEA affirmed by the All Home Coordinating Board;
- Create and/or recommend workgroups and/or focused "sprints" when CEA issues arise; and
- Develop recommendations and/or propose changes to Coordinating Board when issues of access, prioritization or structure arise.